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Dear Boating Stakeholder:

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) is beginning a stakeholder process to discuss whether California should require education or testing for motorboat operators. California law presently does not require a motorboat operator to pass a boating education test prior to operating a vessel.

DBW is neither supporting nor opposing a boating safety education law, but is facilitating a comprehensive discussion on the issue. The Department has enlisted the aid of an independent professional facilitator and a consultant to work with stakeholders to provide information and gather opinions and recommendations.

We have scheduled two meetings with the boating community and other stakeholders to discuss this issue. We want to explore the many options available including the examples of other states and to obtain initial impressions. At the two meetings, information will be presented on boating education requirements in other states and the impact these requirements have had on boating safety.

DBW would like to obtain your opinion of these programs and of boating safety education laws in general. If stakeholders believe there is a need for a boating safety education law, then legislation may be proposed in 2007.

If you or your association is interested in attending one or both meetings, please call Margarita Sanchez at (916) 263-4330 or e-mail her at msanchez@dbw.ca.gov. Prior to the meeting, a packet of information will be mailed to all persons planning to attend. All materials will also be available on our Website. Please notify Margarita if you would like to speak at the meeting. If you represent an organization, please designate one spokesperson for the organization so that there will be an opportunity for many viewpoints to be heard.

- The first meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2006, at the Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Airport, La Jolla Room, 6225 West Century Boulevard in Los Angeles, Tele: (310) 670-9000. Shuttle service is available from LAX every 15 to 20 minutes. Discounted parking is also available for \$5.00 self and \$7.00 valet. Parking validation is required the day of the event and does not include in and out privileges.
- A second meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2006, at the Clarion Hotel, Terrace Room, 700 16th Street, in Sacramento, Tele: (916) 444-8000. SuperShuttle service is available from the Sacramento International Airport for about \$15.00. Free parking is available at the hotel.

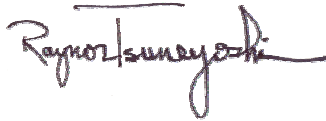
A proposed agenda for the Los Angeles meeting is attached. The outcome from the first meeting will be used to develop the agenda for the second meeting.

The DBW Web site where information will be posted on the meetings is:

<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/BoaterEdReq.asp>

We look forward working with you to improve boating safety in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Raynor Tsuneyoshi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line above the first part of the name.

Raynor Tsuneyoshi
Director

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Attachment

This location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation (accessible seating, documentation in accessible formats, etc.) are requested to contact Margarita Sanchez at 916-263-4330, at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.